

UNOCCUPIED HOUSE BURNED TO GROUND

Michael Keating's Property
Near Railway Is Destroyed
By Flames

(Special to The Farmer.)
Newtown, Feb. 20.—The tenant house owned by Michael Keating who lives near the first railroad crossing below the Newtown station took fire yesterday and was burned to the ground. It has not been occupied for some time. As the fire was not discovered until after it had progressed too far, the cause of the fire cannot be ascertained.

James Lillis, a Sandy Hook youth, coasting with a companion on an icy sidewalk just after school hours Friday had the misfortune to break his arm. The sled slipped against the stone coping of the yard of the Episcopal rectory, and in trying to ward off the collision, the accident happened. His companion received bruises only, but the sled is out of commission.

The jury hearing the evidence in the Mortimer Smith versus the O'Brien Construction Co. case before the court of common pleas, Danbury, were brought in four autos to the Smith farm, Tuesday with the consent of the court to examine at first hand the exact conditions on which suit for \$750 is claimed.

Mrs. Fred Lake and grand daughter, Ada McBeth, have returned after a week's visit with Mrs. Lake's daughter, Mrs. George Ewell of Bridgeport. Miss Florence, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Clark L. Page of Berkeley, was operated on for appendicitis at her home yesterday, by Dr. Brown of Danbury and the family physician. The operation was successfully performed, and Miss Page is reported as doing well.

Miss Theresa Carmody of Danbury, is visiting for a few days with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. M. F. Carmody of Glen avenue.

Miss Edna McNamara of Danbury, was a recent visitor with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. Carvey of Queen street.

Mr. and Mrs. Arthur Beard visited their son, Frederick Beard of Bridgeport, Thursday. Mrs. Beard will stay for a few days. Mrs. Beard returned Friday.

Miss Fannie L. Beers and Miss Margaret Lyons of Queen street, Bridgeport, Thursday, were guests of Mr. and Mrs. Edwards.

Mr. and Mrs. Ernest Sanford and Mr. and Mrs. Edwards were guests of Mr. and Mrs. J. Carvey of Queen street.

Washington's birthday will be observed in Newtown by closing all the schools.

Mrs. John B. Downs, and daughter, Miss Alice Downs, have returned to their home at Zoar Bridge from a visit with Boston relatives.

Rev. T. J. Leary of the Congregational church preached in the Congregational church Sunday, a sermon commemorative of the centenary of peace between England and the United States, which was greatly enjoyed by his hearers. It was a beautiful panegyric on peace, a dramatic apotheosis of war and a chastened challenge to patriotism.

John A. Carlson of Brookfield, was a caller Thursday, upon his mother, Mrs. John Carlson of Main street.

Miss Kathryn Keating of New York city, has been a recent guest of her mother, Mrs. P. Keating of Palestine.

Miss Rose Quinn has returned from a visit with Bridgeport friends.

Miss B. F. Homan has been among recent visitors to Bridgeport.

The Woman's Auxiliary of Trinity church held an interesting meeting at the rectory, Thursday afternoon at 2:30 o'clock, which much needed work was outlined.

Dr. Alice Farnham, leader of New York city, one of the survivors of the Titanic ship wreck, was a guest this week of Mrs. J. W. Gordon of Walnut street.

Mr. and Mrs. Frank Whitney, Miss Kaplan and Mr. Rowlandson of Danbury, were guests this week of Mr. and Mrs. A. E. Birkbeck.

William Kingsbury of Terryville, has been engaged as manager of the Mt. Pleasant farm of Robert Peck.

Sunday, the first Sunday in Lent, masses will be at 9 and 11 a. m. at St. Rose's church. The collection for the foreign missions will be taken up at both services. The Lenten devotions will consist of the Rosary and Benediction of the Most Blessed Sacrament at 7:45 o'clock. On Friday evening, Feb. 26, there will be the stations of the cross and the benediction of the most Blessed Sacrament.

At St. John's church, Sunday there will be celebration of the holy communion at 10 a. m. and at 10:45 a. m. morning prayer and sermon by the rector, A. C. Tibbells. At 4 p. m. evening prayer.

At 10:45 a. m. at the Methodist church there will be services with preaching by the Rev. Mr. Guggenheim of Bridgeport.

Sunday at Trinity at 10 a. m. there will be celebration of the holy communion at 10 a. m. and at 10:45 a. m. ante communion and sermon by the rector, Rev. J. H. George.

At the Congregational church Sunday at 11 a. m. Rev. T. J. Leary, the pastor, will officiate at the service and preach the sermon. At 7:30 p. m. there will be the Christian Endeavor service.

Miss Anna May Betts was a visitor in the Park City yesterday.

Harold Botaford, a member of the faculty of the State Agricultural college at Peterham, Mass., was a recent visitor in the halls of his first alma mater, the Newtown high school.

This week there have been four jurors from Newtown doing duty in the court, Frank Platt and James J. Farrell in the superior court and Martin Harrigan and Robert D. Smith in the court of common pleas.

After being closed, for over six months, the American Sheet & Tin Plate mill at Leeburg, Pa., will resume operations February 23.

Mrs. J. Borden Harriman is writing a novel, with the Colorado strike as its centerpiece, according to Mother Jones, labor leader.

Ten Danish steamers left Copenhagen bound for England, most of them loaded with foodstuffs, defying the German war zone decrees.

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1. NEW SOLDIERS CHEERING KING and KITCHENER.
2. KING GEORGE and EARL KITCHENER REVIEWING NEW ARMY.

CANCER—A DISEASE OF MANY FORMS.

People commonly think of cancer as a single definite disease, as distinct and uniform in its nature and symptoms as appendicitis or typhoid fever. This is a misconception. It is nearer the truth to regard "cancer" as the name of a group of quite different diseases which have one feature in common. It has been said that the layman's conception of cancer is of something very indefinite, very portentous, quite hopeless, a disease which always affects someone else than himself, and about which he carries no immediate interest or responsibility. If this is a fair statement, the layman is wrong on practically every count, and his error and confusion is probably due, in no small part, to the failure to take account of the many forms of cancer. If this were done, perhaps the patient would not so frequently yield to despair and throw away the excellent chance of cure that exists when the disease is first discovered.

As a matter of fact "cancer" in the light of modern knowledge of human ailments, is almost as general and vague a term as "fever." The word covers a number of entirely distinct diseases, differing widely in their origin, symptoms, treatment and curability. The various kinds of tumors have little in common except that they are all forms of new and lawless growths of body cells. This false notion of cancer as a single disease has probably hindered progress toward the understanding and control of the various diseases which are conveniently grouped under that term. All forms of cancer are aspects of new and lawless cell growth, and it is the inner nature or "cause" of such growth that we do not yet understand.

The essential point for the man in the street is that each different kind of cancer is a separate disease. If he is so unlucky as to be attacked by any one of them, it would be well before becoming discouraged to go and find out which form he has. If he is taken with a "fever" and it happens to be German measles, his outlook on life is quite different than if it chances to be virulent small-pox. So, also, a "cancer ulcer" on the face is quite different from cancer of the stomach. And lastly while one is a more serious disease than the other, there is always hope if it is recognized and treated at once. Why not give the surgeon the same chance with cancer as he has with appendicitis? Suppose all symptoms of that disease were neglected and hidden until the appendix had burst? Doubtless the surgeon would still save a certain percentage of cases, but would the record be anything like it is now? It is the intelligent cooperation of the patient and the family physician that has conquered appendicitis, and the same weapons are even more needed in the fight against cancer.

THE COST OF EYEGLASSES.
Many families felt as if they were being hit in a new place a few days ago, when it was announced that, owing to the war, the cost of lenses for eyeglasses had increased from 25 to 50 per cent. But this may not affect the price of the completed glasses much, as the cost is largely in labor. It is to be hoped that this is the case, as the providing of suitable eyeglasses and spectacles is a very considerable burden on many families.

Wearing spectacles was formerly a sign of advanced age. If old people felt their eyes failing, they were apt to buy of peddlers. They would try on various pairs of spectacles, until they found one that seemed to make their eyes feel better, and buy them on the spot for a dime or a quarter.

responsibility for a youngster to start out with a pair of spectacles that cost him father several dollars. If the little fellow keeps them on while playing rough games, he is almost sure to get the glasses broken. In that case a fragment of glass may lodge in an eye and destroy sight. But, if the little fellow takes them off and puts them in the case in the pocket, the first time he rolls over in a rough and tumble, the optical outfit is converted into pancake. It is a bill of expense that our grandfathers never knew, but often inevitable if one is to give one's children the best modern care. Poor eyes are such a serious handicap that parents who can afford it grant and settle the bills without question.

MARRIED.
BEERS-GREEN.—In Danbury, Feb. 11, William C. Beers, of Erie, Pa., and Miss Julia M. Green.
RYAN-MURPHY.—In Greenwich, Feb. 10, Patrick Ryan and Miss Mary Murphy.
MOSALBY-MCMANUS.—In Rockaway, L. I., Feb. 4, Michael Mosalby, Jr., of Norwalk and Miss Beatrice McManus.
NASSIF-MCSALBY.—In Norwalk, Feb. 10, Vincent Nassif and Miss Mary A. McSalby.
CASCETA-GARGINLO.—In Stamford, Feb. 14, Dominick Casceta of New Canaan and Miss Gargino.
BOLES-THIBAUT.—In Greenwich, Feb. 11, Miss Marie Alma Thibaut of Mayflower, Nova Scotia to Ambrose Matthew Boles, son of Mrs. Louise M. Boles.
PATE-SCALZO.—In Danbury, Feb. 10, Moniceno Paulo and Miss Jennie Scalzo.
GRATTIN-HART.—In Torrington, Feb. 16, Walter Grattin, of Torrington and Miss Anna Elizabeth Hart of Torrington.
LLOYD-STONE.—In New York, Feb. 16, Miss Grace Harriet Stone to Sydney Miller Lloyd, of Lynchburg, Va.

DIED.
SCOLLIN.—In Danbury, Feb. 15, Miss Mary Scollin.
DAUCHY.—In Danbury, Feb. 14, Martha C., wife of William J. Dauchy, aged 61 years.
WOOD.—In Danbury, Feb. 15, Henry Wood, aged 56 years.
MILLER.—In Stamford, Feb. 15, Benjamin F. Miller, aged 53 years.
DALY.—In Stamford, Feb. 16, Mary, wife of John Daly.
NORTHROP.—In Bridgeport, Feb. 13, Grandson Northrop, aged 33 years.
BARNUM.—In Danbury, Feb. 12, Henry Barnum, aged 73 years.
MILLER.—In Winchester, Feb. 11, Ellen, 68, widow of Evelyn P. Miller.
FAIRCHILD.—In Wallingford, Feb. 10, George S. Fairchild of Wilton.
GUILMART.—In Winsted, Feb. 11, Nellie Laura, wife of Celestine Guilmar, aged 45.
O'BRIEN.—In Glenville, Feb. 11, Mary A., wife of John O'Brien, aged 63.
BOGART.—In Norwalk, Feb. 12, Emma Louise, wife of Gilbert E. Bogart, aged 60.
ALLEN.—In Bethel, Feb. 11, Samuel Allen, aged 38.
REHLAIRD.—In Torrington, Feb. 13, Mrs. Adele Rehlaird, aged 76 years.
STAGIL.—In Stamford, Feb. 12, Jeremiah Stagil, aged 53.
KEATING.—In Norwalk, Feb. 12, Miss Anna A. Keating.
HYDE.—In Greenwich, Feb. 14, Seymour J. Hyde, aged 54.
SPENCER.—At Colebrook River, Feb. 15, Henry Spencer, aged 45.
WEISS.—In Stamford, Feb. 13, Mrs. Michael Weiss, East Port Chester, aged 50.
SCOLLIN.—In Danbury, February 15, Miss Mary Scollin.
COFFEY.—In Danbury, February 17, Mrs. Jeremiah Coffey, Jr., aged 25.
BARTRAM.—In Huntington Center, Feb. 17, Sarah C., wife of William Bartram.
WALKER.—In Greenwich, Feb. 16, Elizabeth, widow of James F. Walker.

Our Query and Reply Department

Family tradition says that my uncle was killed and buried at Gettysburg, in 1863, but gives no further particulars. Can his grave be identified? When the battlefield cemetery at Gettysburg was dedicated four months after the battle there were 606 unknown graves and 582 marked "Unknown United States Soldier." Write to the superintendent National cemetery, Gettysburg, Pa.

Please tell me the difference between the words guardian and trustee. I have looked in the dictionary, but the explanation is not satisfactory. It depends as to what sort of a guardian you mean. In law a guardian is a person who legally has the care of a person or property or both of another incompetent to act for himself, especially of an infant. A trustee is any one who holds property in trust, especially, in popular usage, one of a body of men, often clerics, who hold the property and manage the affairs of a church or public institution or individual for some reason or other.

What was the date of final suppression of the Indian mutiny? The mutiny of native troops or sepoy revolt began in 1857. That year was the Hindu 1914, centenary of Plassey. Astronomers had predicted that the power of the East India company would terminate that year. A new kind of greased cartridge, containing the fat of pigs and of cows was introduced into the army, and being considered a sacrilege to Hindus and a defilement to Mussulmans, was made the occasion of revolt. First blood was spilled at Barrackpur in March. Then followed Cawnpur, with its terrible massacre, the famous siege of Lucknow and its relief by Havelock, the British siege of Delhi and numerous affairs and battles. One method of suppression was to blow captive sepoys from the mouths of cannon. One of the principal leaders of the sepoys was the renowned Nana Sahib. The last great battle was fought at Gwalior in June, 1858.

Did England supply guns to the Confederates in the civil war? Early in the war large shipments of guns from England reached Confederate camps. As late as 1864 an English firm sold Enfield rifles to the Confederates at \$17.50 each, payable in cotton.

When was the first conscription or draft law passed in our civil war? How many were drafted? The conscription law was passed March 3, 1863, and after some preliminary drafts for military purposes of October. The law provided for the enrollment of all able bodied citizens between the ages of twenty and forty-five years, and the total enrollment was 3,113,305. There were more than fifty causes or grounds of exemption from the draft, mostly physical, and in addition to this any person who was drafted became exempt by furnishing an acceptable substitute or by paying \$300. About 40 per cent of the men examined were enrolled; about one-half of those enrolled paid the commutation of \$300; about two-thirds of the remainder furnished substitutes and the other third went to the field in person. The total amount of commutation money received from those who "paid out" was \$10,518,000. The number of substitutes furnished was estimated at 132,688 and the number of drafted men who went to the field 68,048.

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